GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:178
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2017
Air Connectivity
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect each of the District/Divisional Headquarters in the country by air services;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of District/Divisional Headquarters in the country linked by air services as of now, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the names of the District/Divisional Headquarters likely to get air links during the next financial year?

Answer

The Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 178, REGARDING "AIR CONNECTIVITY" TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2017.;; (a) to (c): With repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. However, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance with RDG issued by Government. Ministry of Civil Aviation has however, launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate/ stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable by providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and other concessions to the selected airline operators under RCS.;; List of the cities in the country, State/Union Territory-wise having air connectivity available as on date is annexed at Annexure-1. ; ; (d): The airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance with RDG issued by Government and compliance of safety guidelines issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation.